

**MRPC MOBILITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO.

**Present:** Harold Selby, Vice Chairperson (City of St. James), Trudy Matlock (Dept. Mental Health), Marsha Ray (CMAAA), Jan Boatright (Senior Companions), Scott Schaffer (CMAAA), Don Brackhahn (MRPC Representing Seniors), Kenneth Sego (DAV Veterans Transportation), Gary Stevens (Peoples First), Taylor Asher (Gary's Personal Assistant) and Phyllis Hollingsworth (Independent Living)

**Staff Present:** Holly Kreienkamp, Mobility Manager and Kelly Sink-Blair, Project Development Manager

**Call to order:** Harold Selby, MMAG Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

**Introduction:** Harold Selby, asked each member of the group to introduce themselves and to state what county or entity they represented.

**Approval of Minutes:** Reviewed meeting minutes of April 19, 2016. Motion was made by Don Brackhahn, seconded by Jan Boatwright to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Business Reports:**

**Client/Ridership/Transportation Provider/Program Promotional Activities Update:** Mobility Manager updated the committee on the Mobility Management Progress Report. This report shows an increase in transportation providers added by county, MORIDE calls received, and marketing presentations. A handout of this report was given to each member. Holly discussed the MORIDES – Meramec, Mobility Management Program at various locations during the month of April in the counties of Dent, Gasconade Phelps and Pulaski to promote the program. Holly explained that the call volume has steadily increased each month as the awareness of the program is spread throughout the region. Holly will forward the MORIDES Usage Statistics report onto the committee via e-mail for further review. The MORIDES.ORG website has had a continuous increase in usage every month regarding hits and visits to the website.

**National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) Acknowledgement:** Mobility Manager provided a hand out to the group for a publication from the National Center for Mobility Management – NCMM. The document recognized her work as the Mobility Manager in the Meramec Region. The article discussed how the program is linking people who need rides with information about the many transportation services available.

**Grants & Fundraisers:** Mobility Manger provided an update on the Schwan's Cares Fundraiser. The Schwan's fundraiser continues to give back 5% on all orders placed. The fundraiser will end July 17, 2016. The fund raiser is slowly contributing back to the Mobility Plan Voucher Program. In the past month the fundraiser has only increase by around \$20. Holly encouraged everyone to log onto the Schwan's website or call in to place an order before the fundraiser ends.

Mobility Manager informed the MMAG of the Phelps County Child Advocacy Network - PCCAN grant application that MRPC will submit on or before May 20<sup>th</sup>. MRPC is requesting \$5,000 to support the MPVP. If the total amount requested cannot be awarded MRPC will accept a reduced amount if awarded. The objective of the PCCAN organization is to prevent or reduce child abuse and neglect in Phelps County.

Mobility Manager notified the MMAG that a letter of interest was forwarded to Dion Knipp with MODOT expressing MRPC's interest in participating with the Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grant funding opportunity. The purpose of the project is to build upon MRPC's previous work developing a solution to provide a greater ability for increased access to transportation services. A partnership was proposed with the lead agency Missouri Rural Health Association where we work together to address public transportation healthcare access solutions, to increase access to care, and ultimately improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs within the eight county Meramec Region, as part of MRHA's broader program.

Holly updated the MMAG on the Transit Planning 4 All – TP4A grant application status. She informed the group that she contacted Virginia Dize with the TP4A grant committee inquiring as to when they anticipate to make announcement of the grant awards. Virginia replied that they will be making an announcement soon, but was unable to provide any specifics at this time.

**Mobility Plan Voucher Program – MPVP:** The group discussed examples of voucher program models to consider for the MPVP. A handout was provided to the group explaining a couple of options to consider such as: Fixed-Value Voucher Model (Program in Maryland) & Taxi Voucher Program (Program in Kansas). The group conversed about how these programs can provide funds back into the MPVP that can ultimately allow for sustainability of the MPVP.

**Guest Speaker:** Scott Shaffer with the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging (CMAAA) provided a presentation on the structure of the CMAAA Transportation Voucher Program. Their program is tailored specifically for seniors 60+ and provides funding for transportation to Non-Emergency Medical appointments, Shopping/Business & Senior Centers (for nutritional purposes). Trips are authorized on a monthly basis and may be used by the rider during the service month. The CMAAA voucher is a payer of last resort.

The MMAG asked Scott Shaffer and Marsha Ray with CMAAA additional questions about the voucher program and discussed the possible combination of programs to meet the overall MPVP structural needs.

**Items of Interest:**

Harold Selby informed the group of a transportation tax that the City of St. James collects. The group discussed how to apply for the funding. Mr. Selby suggested that once the MPVP is operational a proposal can be taken to the City of St. James for consideration.

1. The next MMAG meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Group discussed continuing monthly meetings until the MPVP is operational, then having meetings every other month.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Marsha Ray, seconded by Trudy Matlock for the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.